

Appln. No. 10/086,452

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Reply to Office Action of December 1, 2003

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the specification with the following amended title:

DNA ENCODING TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR INHIBITORY PROTEIN AND ITS
PURIFICATION USE

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] This invention relates to substantially purified Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Inhibitory Protein and salts, functional derivatives and active fractions thereof, having the ability to inhibit the binding of TNF to its receptors and the cytotoxic effect Of TNF and which can be used against the deleterious effects of TNF. It also relates to a process for the purification of said INF Inhibitory Protein, to its ~~eeining~~ cloning and its production by recombinant DNA techniques. It further relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising such a protein, or salts, functional derivatives and active fractions thereof, for protecting against the deleterious effects of TNF and to a method of medical treatment using the protein.